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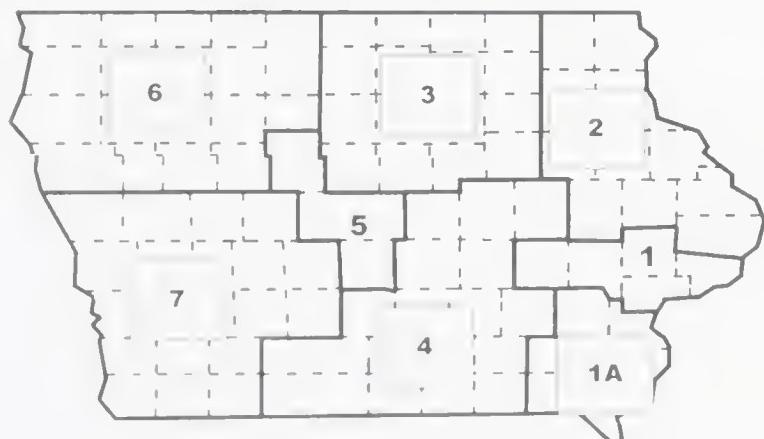
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President John Jackson
Presidents Message

Spring has finally showed its face and summer is around the corner. We have had a very interesting start to 2007 with the winter weather doing a number on a few of the shows around the Midwest.

The Coin-A-Ram in Nevada, Iowa in February was hit with one of the biggest blizzards we have seen in quite a few winters, but with the excellent help from the Ames Coin Club we managed to still have a fun time even though it was mostly just club members and dealers.

As of this writing I am preparing for the Central States Show in St. Louis in early May and we just completed the South Dakota Coin And Stamp Show in Mitchell of which I am now pulling double duty as President of that fine organization.

We have done a great job so far this year in Iowa adding to our membership and I hope that we can all find time this summer to continue to add new friends to the association as we will certainly be influenced with new ideas and that will only make this a better organization.

There are some great shows lined up for the summer and I hope to see you all at one of them. Also in July we will have our summer board meeting at the Adventureland Inn outside of Altoona, Iowa, so any ideas, thoughts or abuse that we can bring to the meeting please talk to myself or any board member.

With the news that Brian Fanton is leaving the ANA for family reasons, it reminds me of the effort that it takes to do real work of any organization and the number of hours involved, so I want to thank Bev Ashton, our Secretary Treasurer, Denny Ross, our Editor and all the individuals that put so much effort into making this one of the best State Associations around. I hope Brian and anyone else that is struggling to keep up with our hectic schedules can find time for family and friends in and out of this great hobby and have a great summer!

Best wishes, John Jackson President,
Iowa Numismatic Association



President John Jackson called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$4,204.25 in the general fund and \$1,414.14 in the ICTA fund. Treasurer's report was approved. Outstanding Numismatist nominations were brought up. We need to narrow this down and will talk about it at the next meeting.

Early Bird rules were discussed. It was suggested that they should be limited to no sooner than an hour after set-up. They should also need ID, wear a badge and pay a \$25 fee. Chris Seuntjens made a motion, Lee Roe seconded and the motion passed. We should also see about putting this in the new convention manual.

Raffles and extra revenue go to the host Club, but then they are also responsible for any losses associated with said ventures.

What about when INA Convention medals are minted for specific shows? Those are the responsibility of the INA.

The reworked Convention Manual was discussed, we are hoping to have a final draft at our meeting in July.

Denny Ross talked about Ottumwa possibly having the show in 2008. They are looking at the Bridge View Event Center and Denny had some preliminary numbers. Chris made a motion that we approve Ottumwa for the 2008 show pending a budget approval. Sam Ashton seconded and it was approved.

Collector ads were discussed and prices were changed. A 1/4 page ad will be \$30, a 1/2 page ad will be \$60, and a full page ad will be \$100. Sam made a motion that we go with those prices, Denny seconded and it was approved.

We talked about what was needed for a non-profit mailing status. We still need an IRS letter of exemption.

ANA nominations were discussed and it was decided we would back the following people. Barry Stuppner - President, Patti Finner - Vice President, Joseph Boling - Governor and Cliff Mishler - Governor.

The quality of the Collector has been so much better. Congratulations Denny! Chris said it has made it easier to sell advertising with the improvements. Denny said he was approached about trading ad space with ILNA for our state shows. This was approved.

Membership was discussed. How can we attract more members, or how can we make membership more attractive? We do need to remind people that because of the INA we no longer pay sales tax on coins. Maybe we could set goals for the membership, possibly even having an annual contest for getting new members with possibly a cash award. Denny motioned that we adjourn. Chris seconded and we adjourned. Members present: Lee Roe, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Denny Ross, John Jackson & Bev Ashton

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ashton
Secretary Treasurer

FROM THE SECRETARIES DESK

Where was everyone for the Nevada show? I couldn't tell you for sure how many people came out during the storm, but I do know there was a lot less than any other year that we have been going. Was it a smart idea that any of us were there? Probably not, but then I'm not sure if us coin dealers/collectors always use good judgement. We didn't leave Fort Dodge until Saturday morning and our normal 1 hour 15 minute drive took us 2 hours and 30 minutes. I do know that the Ames Coin Club was feeling real bad that some dealers were not having a good show. I think the Ames Coin Club did a really good job, especially considering the weather conditions. Kudos for a job well done.

Sorry I missed a lot of people who normally pay their dues at Nevada, hopefully by the time you are reading this I've already sent billings out to everyone. I'm sorry I was so slow in getting Life Memberships out to everyone who paid that before the price increase. I was hoping to have delivered a lot of those at Nevada but that was not to be.

What is with the bullion market lately? It seems to be jumping around like crazy anymore. I know we have a hard time staying on top of the market. As I am writing this silver is \$13.00 and gold is \$660.00

Remember dues are now \$10.00 a year.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INAs Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:
February 24, 2007 at Coin-A-Rama, Nevada, Iowa.
July 14, 2007 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa
October 27, 2007 at Annual INA Coin Show, Storm Lake, Iowa
Open membership meeting: October 28, 2007 Storm Lake, Iowa

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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers, numismatic articles prepared by club members. Send your clubs news to the Editor, also any articles, with photographs, to make your story more interesting.

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As all of you have probably noticed, by this and the previous issue, "The Iowa Collector", has a new look. As the Editor I have looked at other organizations quarterly news magazines and noticed that they have a more appealing and feel of quality to them. I decided then it was time to "keep up with the Jones". Not only does "The Iowa Collector" have a new look but from now on you will see more educational and anecdotal articles, and I will tease your brains, in each issue, with a Trivia Quiz.

You, as an INA member, are also an editor of "The Iowa Collector" and as such we encourage you to participate in maintaining and improving the quality and content of your news magazine. One way you can do this is to write an article about your favorite area of numismatics, or write about your favorite coin/s, Token/s or currency. You don't have to write a book just enough information to fill one page would be fine. No, you won't get paid for your article, but you will gain the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution is helping to maintain the quality and content of your organizations news magazine. Oh, and yes, to help us "keep up with the Jones".

You can either e-mail or send your article via snail mail to the Editor and any other feedback that you feel will help to improve "The Iowa Collector".

Send your articles to: Denny Ross 7079 189th Street, Albia, IA 52531 or e-mail: sixty2one@iowatelecom.net

Longacre's long resume

Pennsylvania born James Barton Longacre was the chief engraver of the United States Mint from 1844 to 1879. During his 35 year stay Longacre was involved in creating many of the most memorable coins in American history.

Among the coins Longacre designed and engraved are the Flying Eagle and Indian Head cent, the 2-cent coin, the silver and copper-nickel 3-cent coins, Shield 5-cent coin, the Coronet and Indian Head gold dollars, the Indian Head \$3 coin and the Coronet \$20 double eagle.

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Dubuque ----- First Thursday, Bridge Restaurant, 31 Locust St, 7:00 PM
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Fort Dodge ---- Second Thursday, ICCC Voc. Tech Bldg., 330 Ave M, 7:30
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Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room)
7:30 PM, George Fowler (641) 236-3549

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Iowa City (Mt. Pleasant) ---- First Thursday, Bredeaux Pizza, 7:00 PM, Ken
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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug). Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwy's 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th Street, 7:00 PM, Jeff Struve (309) 737-0206

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*Chris Seuntjens
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2007 Iowa Coin Show Calender

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June 10 Hiawatha Coin Show ----- Community Center, 80 Center Point road, Hiawatha, IA (9-3) Brian Fanton (319) 294-4377

July 14 Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031 or Terry Holdridge (515) 964-1202

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August 26 Decorah Coin Show - Winneshiek County Fair Grounds, Decorah, IA (9-3) Dave Sanderson (563)568-2371

Sept. 16 Omaha, Neb.

Sept. 23 Hiawatha Coin Show ----- Community Center, 80 Center Point Road, Hiawatha, IA (9-3) Brian Fanton (319) 294-4377

Oct. 12 thru 14 Moon Show ----- Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

Oct. 20 Heartland Coin & Stamp Show ----- Bridge View Events Center 102 Church Street Ottumwa, IA (9-4) Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Oct 21 Tri-State Coin Show----- Grey Hound Park & Casino, Park View Room, Dubuque, IA (9-4) Lee Roe (563) 852-3517

Oct. 27-28 69th Annual INA Coin Show & Convention -- Kings Point Resort, Storm Lake, IA (9-5) (9-4) John Jackson(712) 274-9195

Nov. 3 Keokuk Coin Club Show ----- River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10-5) Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

Nov. 10th-11th Des Moines Coin Club Show ---- Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) (9-3) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031

Nov. 17 North Dakota State's Annual Fall Show - Best Western Doubled Inn, Fargo, ND

Nov. 18 Omaha, Neb.

Dec. 9 Old Capitol Coin Club Coin Show ---- Quality Inn, I-80 & hyw 1 (exit 246) Iowa City, IA (9-4) Tom Robertson(319) 351-2512

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Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise and an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to

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Nominees for Numismatist of the year

Harry Peters

In his 50 years of collecting Mr. Peters has been an active member, officer or Bourse Chairman for the Iowa Numismatic Association, Algona, Forest City, Belmond, Clarion, Mason City and Fort Dodge Coin Clubs. He has patiently helped young and old with their problems of collecting, whether just getting started, finding the material needed to finish a set, or just helping them find out what fits their available money. Mr Peters has been available as part of the I.N.A.'s speaker group to speak to schools, service organizations, scouts and nursing homes, bringing examples of the variety of numismatics available for them to see, finding mint marks and giving the kids a new variety of coin or a very old one. Mr. Peters is still active as Secretary/Treasurer, Bourse Chairman of the Clarion Coin Club, bringing his expertise to the club meetings faithfully.

Tom Robertson

Past President of the Iowa Numismatic Association and current District 1 Director and I.N.A. Historian. Current District Representative of the American Numismatic Association. Representative of the Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent Club. Mr. Robertson is also a member of 24 numismatic organizations. He has also taught a numismatic course at Kirkwood College. He also does presentations and seminars at I.N.A. coin Shows and Conventions, coin clubs and other community organizations. Mr. Robertson is diversified in the field of numismatics and a devoted and dedicated contributor, of his time and energy, to the hobby.

Chris Seuntjens

Mr. Seuntjens has been, and continues to be, a central figure in the Iowa numismatic community . Christopher has shown, for many years, exemplary devotion to promoting the field of numismatics, not only on a personal level, but as past President of the Iowa Numismatic Association and the current Advertising Coordinator For "The Iowa Collector", the official publication of the I.N.A.. He has devoted his time and expense to successfully get the 5% sales tax removed from collector coins, currency and bullion metals. Mr. Seuntjens promotion of the field of numismatics is and always has been tireless. His integrity, honesty and sincerity are above reproach.

Des Moines Coin Club

By Robert Simon

1936 - 2006

October 14, 1936, nine coin collectors met at the office of Albert J. Todd in Des Moines, Iowa for the purpose of forming a Des Moines Coin Club. Earlier on April 2, 1935 Mr. Todd, Mr. Raymond Wiley, Mr. R. E. McClain, Mr Earl M. Cole and Mr. Wallace Miller had informally met to share their collecting interests. These men continued to meet from time to time until the October 14th meeting. Of the nine persons present at the meeting, Three became members that evening. Mr. Art Kagin soon joined and became member number 13. Mr. Ray Wiley was elected President and became member number 1. Membership dues were declared to be \$1.00 per year and eight persons paid .25 cents each for the remainder of 1936. One dollar was paid for ANA membership which left a balance of .10 cents in the hands of the treasurer at years end.

In the years 1937 - 1940, R.E. McClain, Milton Radke, A.R. Goodman and Dr. M.M. Hanson served as presidents. Art Kagin was Secretary/Treasurer in 1938.

Exhibits and auctions were an important part of early club meetings. Displays at one meeting included a Grobrecht dollar and pattern half dollar in proof condition. Meetings included a drawing for door prizes which included 1937 and 1938 proof sets.

Notes of the May 12, 1938 meeting indicate that a previously postponed State meeting would be held in Iowa City on June 12th.

The club roster in 1948 showed 62 members who were meeting monthly at the old Des Moines Y.M.C.A. Today the longest term member is Oscar Calkins who became a member that year after discovering a three legged buffalo nickel in vending machine change.

The club commemorated its 60th anniversary by producing a bronze medallion. Also that year, 1996, the Iowa Sesquicentennial was noted with a 4 piece wooden nickel set in contrasting colors In 1999 a four denomination elongated set and a five piece elongated State quarter set were produced for the club. In 2004 wooden quarters were distributed at the November club show.

The club has sponsored a fall show for many years and was, in 2006, host club for the INAShow.

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Des Moines Coin Club (cont)

Presently the club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3120 East 24th Street. Officers are Roscoe Simmons as President, Paula Peugh as Secretary and Ed Morrow as Treasurer. Meetings are highlighted by a short educational program presented by individual members. All members are encouraged to show and tell about respective numismatic interests.

The many U.S. issues being offered for today's collector present a broad field for an adventure in numismatics. Noting this change the Des Moines Coin Club adopted a motto in 1996, "Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis" (Times change, and we change with them too).

May it ever be so. We invite both new and advanced collectors to join our coin club adventure.

The purpose of coin clubs is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatology To uphold the principals of fair dealing. To study the history of the world thru the art of coin collecting. To provide a meeting place for interested people and to promote good fellowship among its members.



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Charles E. Barber

By Rev. Frank H. Gretzman, Bishop

Charles E. Barber (1840-1917), the sixth Chief Engraver of the United States Mint, was born in London in 1840.

He learned this highly exacting profession from his father William Barber, who in turn had been taught steel engraving by his father, John Barber. William, the father of Charles, had been the fifth Chief Engraver of the United States Mint, and the son, Charles, was an assistant to him for ten years, before he succeeded him when the older died in 1879. Charles then held this position until his death in 1917 ----- a period of 38 years.

Charles E. Barber was of the "old school" of coin designers. As coin makers had done before him, he cut his dies by hand, using the gouges and chisels of his trade. About the year 1900, an elaborate die-cutting pantograph machine was developed, which made use of greatly enlarged model of a coin, which the designer had first sculptured. While this machine has eliminated much of the labor of die making, the artist still had to finish the detail of the coin by hand. Barber, less adept at this new kind of sculpturing, is more famous for his great ability as a steel engraver.



His First Accepted Design ----- The "V" Nickel

Barber's first accepted design was the so-called "V" nickel (1893-1913), a five cent piece with the Barber liberty head, the first change in coinage in 24 years. His triumph was short lived. He had indiscreetly omitted the word "five cents" from the coin, and these five cent pieces were at once gilded, and passed off as half eagle (\$5.00 gold pieces). A hub was hastily prepared, with the word "cents" added, so we find these two variety's in 1883.



The Silver Coins Designed by Charles E. Barber



The .50 cent, .25 cent and the .10 cent coin series of regular mint issues of U. S. coins (1892 -1916) are frequently called the "Barber Head" coins. Although Barber was acclaimed for his great talent in



portraying actual persons on his medals, the "Barber Head" is probably a product of his creative imagination --- A young woman's head symbolizes liberty and peace.

The Columbian Exposition Half Dollar ----- the first United States Commemorative coin ever issued ----- (1892-1893). The bust of Columbus on the obverse is by Barber, and the representation of his Flagship, the Santa Maria, above two hemispheres, on the reverse, is by G. T. Morgan an assistant of Barber's. These coins were first sold at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago during 1893.

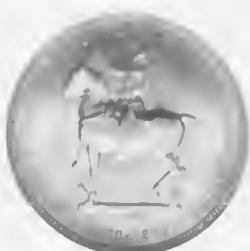
The Isabella Quarter Dollar, has been, to this date, the only commemorative United States coin of this denomination (25 cents) ever issued. The Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition petitioned for this souvenir coin, and authority to mint it was given March 3, 1893. The rare coin, designed by the subject of this exhibit, Charles Barber, has crowned bust of Queen Isabella of Spain on the obverse. It is the only United States coin ever minted to depict a foreign monarch. On the reverse is a kneeling female with distaff and spindle, emblematic of woman's industry. Only 24,214 coins of this issue were minted compared to 2,500,405 Columbian half dollars issued in 1892-1893 for this exposition.

The Lafayette Dollar (1900). The heads of Washington and Lafayette appear on the obverse of this coin---and it was the only commemorative coin of the one dollar denomination, and the first





authorized United States coin to bear the portrait of one of our Presidents. The statue on the reverse is similar to the monument of General Lafayette, which was erected in Paris, as a gift of the



American people. The Panama Pacific Exposition Half Dollar (1915 S) was designed by Charles E. Barber for the exposition held in San Francisco in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal. Struck at the San Francisco Mint, they were the first coins of the United States to carry the motto "In God We Trust"---- above the eagle. On the obverse is a representation of Columbia with the Golden Gate in the background. Only 27,134 of these commemorative's, of which in uncirculated condition, are now quite rare.

Other Barber Coins and Medals.

Although they are not part of this exposition, it is appropriate to mention that Charles E. Barber's fame as a designer is not restricted to "Nickel and Silver Coins" only.

He was also the designer of the "Stella -----the rare \$4.00 gold piece, the Louisiana Jefferson and McKinley gold dollars, the Lewis and Clark exposition gold dollars, several Indian Peace Medals, medals of Garfield and Arthur, as well as others of less significance. Finally, we must not forget to mention, that he was also the designer of the "Great Seal of the United States", with which we are all familiar.

Note from the Editor

In Reverend Gretzman's article he incorrectly attributes the design of the "Great Seal of the United States" to Charles E. Barber. The Great Seal was designed long before Charles Barber was born. Charles Tomson designed the Great Seal of the United states in June of 1782. Several design changes have been made since then. However, Charles E. Barber did pattern the reverse design of the dime, quarter and half dollar (1892-1916) after the reverse of the "Great Seal of the United States".

Below is a picture of the symbol of the “Great Seal of the United States” that Charles E. Barber referred to for his design on the reverse of the dime, quarter and half dollar (1892-1916).



Obverse

Reverse



About the author

Reverend Frank H. Greteman 1907-1987

Reverend Frank H. Greteman, behind the table, with several of his awards and one his of many award winning displays. Reverend Gretteman was a prolific coin and medals collector, the coins and medals he desired most were ones designed by Charles E. Barber.



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Editors Note

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of those who contributed articles and feedback to me to help make The Iowa Collector a higher quality publication. I encourage anyone who has an interesting subject, that they would like to see in The Collector, write an article about it and e-mail or send it to me so I can include it in a future issue. If you discover any errors in this issue let me know so that I may correct them.

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Cedar Rapids Coin Show

By Ron Burns
President CRCC

The Cedar Rapids Coin Club held its annual spring show at the Elks Lodge on Sunday March 4, 2007.

There were 38 tables of numismatic materials for the attendees to look over trying to find that special item to add to their collections. With 22 dealers set up, with their inventory, there was plenty of numismatic treasures to search thru. The majority of the dealers stated that they had a fair to good show. Many collectors were asking for the newly released Presidential dollars and the new Montana quarters. With a wide variety of coins and currency, in all grades, there was plenty to appeal to everyone. It did appear that the attendance at this show was down, somewhat, from that of previous years. That was probably due to the fact that it was a sunny spring day and people were doing projects outside after experiencing cabin fever all winter.

A big thank you to all club members who helped to make this years show a success.

Present plans include having the coin show at the same location next year. The date of the show will be listed in the show calendar of "The Iowa Collector" in a future issue.

We would like to thank those of you that attended this years show and hope to see you at next years show.



Collector surveys dealers inventory of numismatic material

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Computer Set-up	576.17	
Collector Labels	7.21	
INA App Printing	50.00	250.00
Engraving	14.32	
Postage	15.33	
Central State Dues	<u>10.00</u>	
	1,393.23	
Current Balance	4,204.25	1,414.14
Checking	1,912.02	
Savings	2,252.23	1,414.14
Cash	<u>40.00</u>	
	4,204.25	1,414.14

Philly invisible no longer

With the exception of the Jefferson 5-cent coins, the Philadelphia Mint's P mint mark does not appear on any U.S. coin until 1979, when it was placed on the then new Anthony dollar coin. In 1980, the P mint mark made its debut on the Roosevelt dime, Washington quarter dollar and Kennedy half dollar, and reappeared on the Jefferson 5-cent coin. The Sacagawea dollar has featured the P mint mark since its 2000 birth. The only holdout left among circulating coins? The Lincoln Cent.

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1916 A year of change

1916 was a year of changes in coin designs, not only with the quarter, but also with the dime and half dollar. From 1892 until 1916 the Charles E. Barber designed dime, quarter and half dollar reigned as the minor coinage of the day.

In 1915 President Theodore Roosevelt requested a change be made in the designs of the dime, quarter and half dollar that would be different from each other and would meet the artistic designs of the coins of many of the foreign countries at the time. The three new coin designs would make their debut in 1916.

The new design on the dime and half dollar were prepared by Adolph A. Weinman. The obverse design on the dime was that of a winged Liberty and on the Half Dollar of a Walking Liberty.

The Standing Liberty quarter was designed by Hermon A. Mc Neil and depicted Miss Liberty, standing, on the obverse and an America Bald Eagle, in flight on the reverse. Miss Liberty is shown in full figure holding, on her left arm, a shield of protection and in her right hand she holds an olive branch a symbol of peace. The word Liberty is above her head and the date is at her feet. "In God We Trust" is on the walls to either side of her. Miss Liberty is shown with her right breast exposed on the 1916 and 1917 variety I quarters. On the reverse of the 1916 and 1917 variety I of the standing liberty quarter the eagle was shown with no stars beneath the eagle. In 1917 the design was changed to show Miss Liberty with her right breast now covered with chain mail and on the reverse the eagle was moved up in the field and three stars placed beneath the eagle creating what is referred to as the variety II of the standing liberty quarter. It has been, mistakenly, thought the changes to cover Miss Liberty's right breast came about from a public outcry that the coin was obscene. In fact the changes were made to improve the striking of the coin to better bring up the detail on both the obverse and reverse.

The 1916 Standing Liberty quarter was struck late in the year and there



Hermon A. Mc Neil



1916 Obverse

was a mintage of only 52,000 pieces making the 1916 Standing Liberty quarter a rare issue. It also appears not many of the new quarters were saved in new condition. This would change in the following year, 1917, with the issue of 8,740,000 quarters being struck at the Philadelphia Mint and a mintage of 1,509,200 struck at the Denver mint and another 1,952,00 minted in San Francisco. It appears, also, that with the greater number of quarters available that many more of the 1917 were saved in new condition. This appears to be the reason the 1917 variety I quarter is readily available in new condition and is a popular type coin among collectors. Due to the fact that the standing liberty quarters were typically weakly struck it became apparent that any quarter with a full strike, especially with full head detail, was rarer than the weaker struck issues. Standing Liberty quarters, with full head detail, are in greater demand than their weaker struck counterparts, therefore creating a premium over the weaker struck coins. One of the other drawbacks of the standing liberty quarter was, that because of the date area being raised higher, the date wore off fairly quickly. In 1925 this area of the date was slightly lowered in an attempt to prevent the date from wearing away so quickly.



1916 Reverse

Along with the 1916 standing liberty quarter another date is also a great rarity. In 1918 the obverse die from 1917 was repunched with an eight over the last seven creating what is known as an over-date. The 1918/7 S was struck at the San Francisco Mint. This particular issue was not publicly known until 1937. In a sale in December 1937 a 1918/7 S standing liberty quarter sold for the huge sum of \$26.25. The coin was in brilliant uncirculated condition. The number minted is an unknown, but dies used during the minting process typically struck 3,000 to 15,000 coins, but the life of a reworked die was considerably less than one that had not been reworked. It is apparent by the high prices that the 1918/7 S brings in auctions that very few survived. Also due to the fact the 1918 7 S was not recognized until the late 1930s it is probable that a lot of the over-dates were worn off and unreadable.

On today's market a 1918/7 S Standing Liberty quarter, in mint state 60 commands a price of \$20,000.00 or more. This makes the 1918 7 S quarter even more pricy than the 1916 Standing Liberty quarter in the



same mint state grade. In a grade of mint state 64 with full head detail a 1918 7 S quarter can command a price of \$175,000.00 or more. A 1916 standing liberty quarter in the same mint state grade will command a price in the \$32,000.00 range. With the exception of the 1916 and 1918 7 S, a collector can

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1. Who was the designer of the Standing Liberty quarter?
A. George T. Morgan C. Hermon A Mc Neil
B. Adolph A. Weinman D. Anthony De Francisci

2. In what year was the Heraldic Eagle first used on the draped bust silver dollar?
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